

CE-ATA Design Guide

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Description of design guidance

The specification and host supplement is ambiguous regarding the minimum set of MMC commands a CE-ATA host and device is recommended to support in order to achieve MMC layer initialization and bus width switching. The only required commands listed in the specification are CMD0, CMD12, CMD39, CMD60, and CMD61.

This design guide clarifies the MMC commands and MMC registers a CE-ATA device needs to support for MMC initialization and bus width switching.

Detection and initialization of the base MMC device should proceed as defined in the MMC reference. Table 1 lists the minimum set of additional MMC commands the device is recommended to support in order to achieve MMC layer initialization and bus width switching. Note that CMD14 and CMD19 are not listed for bus width discovery. CE-ATA is for embedded systems where it is expected that the bus width to be used is known.

MMC Layer Initialization		
CMD1		
CMD2		
CMD3		
CMD7		
MMC Bus Width Switching		
CMD8		
CMD6		
CMD13		

Table 1 List of recommended MMC commands

After MMC layer initialization and bus width switching are complete, it is recommended that the host no longer use commands listed in Table 1. After this point, it is recommended that the host only use CE-ATA commands (CMD0, CMD12, CMD39, CMD60, CMD61). For commands whose response timing requirements are specified by N_{AC} , for CE-ATA devices the N_{ACIO} timing parameter should be used instead.

Table 2 lists the set of MMC registers the device is recommended to support in order to achieve MMC layer initialization and bus width switching.

MMC Registers	
OCR	
CID	
RCA	
EXT_CSD	

Table 2 List of recommended MMC registers

The R1 response format contains a 32-bit field named CARD STATUS. It is recommended that the device support this field for proper initialization.

Status Field	
CARD STATUS	

Table 3 CARD STATUS field

Disposition log

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